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Sir:

In response to the Office Letter mailed herein on September 27, 2002, please
amend the above-entitled application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

✓ Cancel non-elected claims 32-35 without prejudice.
✓ Cancel claim 26.

Amend claims 1 and 18-31 as follows:

1. A method for hydrotreating hydrocarbons to remove heteroatoms therefrom comprising:
a. combining hydrogen-containing gas with a liquid hydrocarbon stream containing sulfur, nitrogen, metal or oxygen heteroatoms to form a feed stream;
b. passing said feed stream over a monolithic catalyst bed containing hydrotreating catalyst components to remove the heteroatoms therefrom;
c. wherein the superficial liquid linear velocity of said feed stream is greater than about 0.02 cm/s and the one-pass conversion of a heteroatom is greater than 50%.

18. A method for making low-sulfur diesel fuel comprising: